Strongyloides hyperinfection cases reported by AIIMS, New Delhi

1651. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to Btate:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of Strongyloides hyperinfection syndrome patients have been reported by the All lndia Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, recently;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last two years;

(c) whether 'Thiabendazole' Merck-Sharp-Dohme' medicines recommended by the AIIMs to cure such disease is not available in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to get this medicine from foreign countries to enable the patients to cure themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) At the AIIMS, from amongst 2000 stool examinations, 10 cases were found positive for strongyloides Out of a total of 10 cases of intestinal infection with strongyloides, only one case of strongyloides hyperinfection was diagnosed during the last two years. Strongyloides infection is very rare.

(c) and (d) "Thiabendazole" has not been used and hence not purchased by the AIIMS during the last 5-6 years It is learnt that the production of this medicine has been discontinued by the firm. However, newer drugs are known now in the same series for use in treating the disease.

Lifting of samples of milk supplies from trucks by the department of FPA

1652. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of trucks bring milk to Delhi from the neighbouring States and supply it to the dairies for onward sale;

(b) if so, the number of samples of milk lifted from the trucks by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi .Administration during the period from 1985 to 1988, year-wise and the percentage of adulteration found;

(c) the details of dairies prosecuted and further action contemplated against the milk trucks, supplying adulterated milk to the dairies in Delhi;

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to take action for not lifting of milk samples by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A number of trucks regularly bring milk from neighbouring States for supplying to various dairies including Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme.

(b) As per the information made available by Delhi Administration, the number of samples of milk lifted from trucks during the years 1985 to 1988 and the percentage of samples found adulterated is given as under:—

Year	No. of samples lifted	Percentage of samples found adulterated
1985 .	58	44.8%
1986 .	09	44.4%
1987 .	35	37%
1988 .	Nil	